



**Mid-America**  
Credit Union Association  
*Serving Credit Unions in the Dakotas*

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The Honorable Chris Nelson  
SD Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol Ave. Ste 504  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Secretary Chris Nelson:

I write to you today to seek your office's permission in allowing Mid-America Credit Union Association to hold a raffle drawing at our upcoming Summit in Rapid City, SD. The date of the raffle will be Friday, June 6, 2008, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel.

The purpose of this raffle is to raise monies for a scholarship that will be given away to credit union individuals wishing - but often are unable to afford - to attend a national credit union conference.

Many credit unions in the Dakotas operate on very small budgets, ones that will not allow for employees to attend educational conferences. The proceeds from our June 6, raffle will help offset many of the costs associated with attending a national conference; such as travel, lodging, registration, etc.

We hope to find that this scholarship will go along ways toward ensuring South Dakota Credit Unions have an opportunity to learn about the latest trends in the financial marketplace.

Thank you for your consideration Mr. Secretary. Should you have any questions, please call Tanner Blair at 800.279.6328, ext. 3968 or by email at [tblair@midamericacua.coop](mailto:tblair@midamericacua.coop).

Sincerely yours,

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